# IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

| TS-OPTICS CORPORATION | ) | Civil Action No. 8:24-cv-01974-DOC-DFM |
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| Plaintiff,            | ) | LETTER OF REQUEST                      |
|                       | ) | (LETTERS ROGATORY)                     |
| v.                    | ) |  |
|                       | ) |  |
| MICROSOFT CORPORATION | ) |  |
|                       | ) |  |
| Defendant.            | ) |  |

# LETTER OF REQUEST (LETTERS ROGATORY)

THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE CENTRAL DISCTRICT OF CALIFORNIA, USA, PRESENTS ITS COMPLIMENTS TO THE APPROPRIATE JUDICIAL AUTHORITY OF JAPAN, AND REQUESTS INTERNATIONAL JUDICIAL ASSISTANCE TO EFFECT SERVICE OF PROCESS TO BE USED IN A CIVIL PROCEEDING BEFORE THIS COURT IN THE ABOVE CAPTIONED MATTER. THIS REQUEST IS BEING MADE PURSUANT TO AGREEMENTS IN EFFECT BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE GOVERNMENT OF JAPAN.

### SENDER AND JUDICIAL AUTHORITY OF THE REQUESTING STATE:

THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

RONALD REAGAN FEDERAL BUILDING AND UNITED STATES COURTHOUSE

411 WEST FOURTH STREET, COURTROOM 10A

SANTA ANA, CALIFORNIA 92701 USA

CENTRAL AUTHORITY OF THE REQUESTED STATE:

MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

2-2-1 KASUMIGASEKI CHIYODA-KU

TOKYO 100-8919 JAPAN

PERSON(S) TO WHOM THE EXECUTED REQUEST, AND RESPONSES ARE TO BE RETURNED:

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SPECIFICATION OF THE DATE ON WHICH THE REQUESTING AUTHORITY REQUESTS
THE PRODUCTION OF DOCUMENTS AND DEPOSITION PURSUANT TO THE LETTER OF
REQUEST:

PRODUCE DOCUMENTS DESCRIBED IN SCHEDULE A OF THE SUBPOENA TO
PRODUCE DOCUMENTS, INFORMATION, OR OBJECTS OR TO PERMIT INSPECTION OF
PREMISES IS REQUIRED TO BE ELECTRONICALLY PROVIDED TO COUNSEL FOR
PLAINTIFF WITHIN 30 DAYS FROM THE DATE OF SERVICE OF THE SUBPOENA.

DEPONENT IS REQUIRED TO TESTIFY BY REMOTE VIDEO CONFERENCE AS DESCRIBED IN SCHEDULE A OF THE SUBPOENA TO TESTIFY AT A DEPOSITION WITHIN 30 DAYS FROM THE DATE OF SERVICE OF THE SUBPOENA.

### **REASON FOR URGENCY:**

THE URGENCY FOR REQUESTING THE INFORMATION IS BASED ON THE FOLLOWING REASON: PLAINTIFF'S ATTORNEYS WISH TO REVIEW THE REQUESTED DOCUMENTS IN A SUFFICIENTLY EXPEDITED TIME FRAME TO MEET THE DISCOVERY DEADLINE.

## NAMES OF THE CASE AND IDENTIFYING CASE NUMBER:

TS-OPTICS CORPORATION v. MICROSOFT CORPORATION

CIVIL ACTION NO.: 8:24-cv-01974-DOC-DFM

### NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF THE PARTIES AND THEIR REPRESENTATIVES:

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Attorney for Plaintiff, Microsoft Corporation

# NATURE OF THE ORIGINAL PROCEEDINGS:

CIVIL COMPLAINT FOR PATENT INFRINGEMENT. THE PLAINTIFF SEEKS TO HAVE THE ISSUES BE DETERMINED BY THE COURT OF JURISDICTION.

### **EVIDENCE TO BE OBTAINED:**

PLAINTIFF SEEKS TO OBTAIN EVIDENCE WHICH IS RELATED TO THE CASE FROM HITACHI-LG DATA STORAGE, INC. TO DETERMINE FACTS OF THE CASE. DOCUMENTS AND TESTIMONY TO BE OBTAINED FROM HITACHI-LG DATA STORAGE, INC. RELATED TO THIS CASE WILL HELP CLARIFY ISSUES THAT ARE RAISED IN THE CASE.

### PURPOSE OF THE EVIDENCE SOUGHT:

FOR PURPOSE OF DISCOVERY AND EVIDENTIARY USE AT TRIAL OR ANY HEARING FOR THIS MATTER.

IDENTITY AND ADDRESS OF THE PERSON OR BUSINESS ENTITY REQUESTED TO PROVIDE DOCUMENTS AND TESTIMONY:

HITACHI-LG DATA STORAGE, INC.

108-0022 22-23, KAIGAN 3CHOME

MINATO-KU, TOKY, JAPAN

### **REQUEST:**

THIS COURT REQUESTS THE ASSISTANCE DESCRIBED HEREIN AS NECESSARY IN THE INTERESTS OF JUSTICE. THE ASSISTANCE REQUESTED IS THAT THE APPROPRIATE JUDICIAL AUTHORITY OF JAPAN:

- CAUSE THE SUBPOENA TO PRODUCE DOCUMENTS, INFORMATION, OR OBJECTS
  OR TO PERMIT INSPECTION OF PREMISES AND ALSO THE SUBPOENA TO TESTIFY
  AT A DEPOSITION TO BE SERVED UPON HITACHI-LG DATA STORAGE, INC. AT 1080022 22-23, KAIGAN 3CHOME, MINATO-KU, TOKYO, JAPAN;
  AND
- 2. RETURN THE PROOF OF SERVICE ("CERTIFICATE") TO THIS COURT.

### RECIPROCITY:

THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA, EXPRESSES A WILLINGNESS TO PROVIDE SIMILAR ASSISTANCE TO JUDICIAL AUTHORITIES OF JAPAN.

### **REIMBURSEMENT FOR COSTS:**

THE ATTORNEYS FOR PLAINTIFF EXPRESS A WILLINGNESS TO REIMBURSE THE
JUDICIAL AUTHORITIES OF JAPAN FOR COSTS INCURRED IN EXECUTING THE
REQUESTING COURT'S LETTER OF REQUEST. THEY ALSO EXPRESS A WILLINGNESS TO
REIMBURSE HITACHI-LG DATA STORAGE, INC., FOR THE REASONABLE EXPENSES
INCURRED IN CONNECTION WITH THEIR PRODUCTION OF DOCUMENTS AND
TESTIMONY.

DATED: September 2, 2025

Dougle F. McCormick

JUDGE, THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

[SEAL OF THE COURT]